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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

City Government Holiday Closures

New Year's Day — In observance of New Year's Day, the city government offices will be closed January 1.

Also closed January 1 are the General District Court (703-385-7866), the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (703-385-8414) and Historic Blenheim (703-591-0560).

There will be no CUE Bus service January 1 (703-385-7859).

There will be no refuse and recyclables collection January 1. Those with regular Wednesday and Thursday collection service should place their items at the curb on Thursday, January 2. For information, call 703-385-7837.

Lee-Jackson Day — City government offices will be open and services provided as usual on Lee-Jackson Day January 17. However, the General District Court will be closed.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day — City government offices will be closed January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The General District Court also will be closed January 20.

The CUE Bus will run a modified weekday schedule January 20.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open.

There will be no refuse and recyclables collection January 20. Those with regular Monday and Tuesday service should place their items at the curb on Tuesday, January 21.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.



Bridge Replacement on Route 123 Begins in January

Northbound Traffic Detour Expected Through July

Construction on the bridge on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road at Kenmore Drive will begin in January, when crews begin setting up to replace the aging bridge across Accotink Creek.

Beginning in late January, northbound Chain Bridge Road traffic will be detoured: to Whitehead Street, University Drive, Kenmore Drive and back to Chain Bridge Road.

Southbound traffic will not be detoured, but lanes will shift in the work zone.

Sidewalks in the work zone will be closed; pedestrians should follow the

Chain Bridge Road detour.

The detour will be in place for most of the duration of the construction project, which is expected to take up to six months. Consider University Drive as an alternate north-south route to avoid the work zone.

A map of the area and detour route will be posted on the city's website.

Receive information for "Road Closure, Detour & Condition Alerts" via eMAS, the city's message alert system: visit emas.fairfaxva.gov.

For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7810.

City of Fairfax Ends Water Service; Fairfax Water Becomes City Provider

Effective January 3, all City of Fairfax water customers — residential and business — will become customers of Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water). The water source for these customers is Corbalis Water Treatment Plant, on the Potomac River.

Customers will receive a final bill from the City of Fairfax Treasurer's Office with any necessary directions.

Additionally, Fairfax Water will send its new customers an information packet about service, billing and other frequently asked questions.

Current city water rates will be frozen for not longer than a three year period. At some point, and not later than three years from now, water rates will be changed,

and potentially reduced, to the then current Fairfax Water water rates..

All water-related activities including construction projects, water main breaks, customer service, billing, and customer concerns will be handled by Fairfax Water: www.FairfaxWater.org, 703-698-5800.

The city has authorized the sale of its water assets in Loudoun County to Loudoun County Sanitation Authority, DBA, Loudoun Water, and Fairfax Water will take ownership of all city assets related to the distribution system (water mains, public pipes, etc.).

The city is proud to have provided top-quality water service to its customers for more than half a century. For information, call 703-385-7920.



NEWS & NOTES

Reception for Stephen Moloney Set for January 14

Stephen L. Moloney has retired as City Treasurer, and the city is hosting a reception in his honor from 6-7 p.m. January 14 in the City Hall Atrium.

Please RSVP (703-385-7850, Christina.Kitts@fairfaxva.gov). Note: this event was postponed from an earlier date.

CDP Director David Hudson Retires

The City of Fairfax announces the retirement of David Hudson, who joined the city in 1985 and has been the director of the Community Development and Planning Department since 1995.

Early in his tenure, Hudson led the effort to refine the City's development regulations and land use planning documents to encourage better forms of development in the city. He subsequently worked with the development community and city groups in efforts that resulted in the "remaking" of Old Town; including the redevelopment of the Shoppes at Main Street, and the development of Farrcroft, Old Town Village, the Crossings, Providence Square and the City of Fairfax Regional Library, as well as the recently-approved redevelopment of the Layton Hall Apartments.

In other areas of the city, Hudson was involved in the establishment of a business improvement district for Fairfax Boulevard, and the development of a master plan for future development within that corridor. He worked on the redevelopment of many of shopping centers along Fairfax Boulevard, as well as significant improvements to Fair City Mall and the Turnpike Shopping Center.

Most recently, he has been focusing on mixed-use redevelopment opportunities along Fairfax Boulevard.

Dog Licenses Due February 1

City dog licenses for 2014 are available for \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 per year for unaltered dogs. All dogs in the city age 4 months and older must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies.

Dogs not wearing a 2014 license tag by February 1 will be in violation of City Code, and owners will be subject to a fine.

Dog owners may purchase multi-year licenses that are valid for the same length of time as the rabies certification.

To obtain a license, owners

must present a valid rabies certificate for each dog and, if applicable, a neutered/spayed certificate from the dog's veterinarian (required for first-time licenses only).

Licenses may be purchased in person at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. Applications also may be submitted on the city's website. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7900.

The number of dogs allowed on a property depends on the size of the lot. For information, call 703-385-7820. For information on other animal laws, call 703-385-7924.



'Mosby's Raid' Commemorative DVD Available Now

See Mosby's Raid like you've never seen it before: on a special commemorative DVD of the March 9, 2013 reenactment and commemoration of John Singleton Mosby's daring capture of Brigadier General Edwin Stoughton.

The special compilation DVD contains two episodes of *The Fairfax Scene*, plus the reenactment as it was presented at the sesquicentennial event.

The DVD features two exclusive programs from the event: the dignitary speeches and a segment on cavalry

tactics. The two episodes of *The Fairfax Scene* are the enhanced version of the reenactment at the William P. Gunnell House in Old Town Fairfax and the Mosby Scholars Symposium.

Cost is \$21.15 per DVD (\$19.95 plus tax) available at City Hall, the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center and Historic Blenheim.

The Fairfax Scene episodes remain available on the city's website and on YouTube. For information, call 703-385-7803.



Chocolate Lovers Festival Schedule

Friday, January 31

Kaydee Puppets: *Chocolate Dipped Tales* — 2 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

Saturday, February 1

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fire Station 3

Child Fingerprinting — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fairfax Courthouse

Taste of Chocolate — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old Town Hall

Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nutrition Kitchen

The Chocolate Caper Mock Trial — 10:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., Fairfax Courthouse

Musical Duo of Cody & BJ — 11 a.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

Harley Eye Candy Photos — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

Fire Safety Puppet Show — 12:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

So You Think You Are Smarter Than a Lawyer? — 11:45 a.m., Fairfax Courthouse

Chocolate-Covered Fairy Tales with Gary Lloyd — 2 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

See Jane Sing Quartet — 3:30 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

Open House and Exhibits — Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Legato School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ford Building, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ratcliffe-Allison House, noon to 4 p.m.

Chocolate Movie Night: featuring *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (rated PG) — 7-9 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

Sunday, February 2

Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction — noon to 4 p.m., Nutrition Kitchen

Taste of Chocolate — noon to 4 p.m., Old Town Hall

Fire Safety Puppet Show — 12:30 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

Wildlife Ambassadors — *Journey to the Jungle* — 2-3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

Turley the Magician — 3:30-4:15 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library

Open House and Exhibits — Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Legato School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ratcliffe-Allison House, noon to 4 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change. Visit www.chocolatefestival.net for an event map and information on parking, shuttle schedules, costs and more.

Information: www.chocolatefestival.net • 703-385-1661

2013 Business Recycling Report Due Online

City business owners can help the city share their recycling success with the state by submitting their annual recycling reports with information on the amount of recycling their businesses generate.

The business recycling report must be submitted electronically using a form on the city's website. For information, call 703-385-7837.

The report, which must be submitted online between January 1 and March 1, details actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials provided by the business' recycling vendors.

Commercial property owners who

provide recycling services for their tenants must submit the information on behalf of those tenants.

Business owners who have received permission from the city to use the city's recycling center for this purpose must submit a report with an estimate of their recycling amounts.

Home-based businesses do not submit reports; their refuse already is included in the city's annual municipal recycling report.

The report must be filled out online. Computer services and Internet access are available for free at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.



Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Senior Center, Parks and Recreation Classes Follow FCPS Weather Schedule

In case of inclement weather, the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department follows the Fairfax County Public School's (FCPS) cancellation policy regarding programs, classes and Senior Center hours. For information, call 703-385-7858.

Closed — When FCPS are closed due to weather conditions, the Senior Center will be closed and classes are cancelled.

Late Start — When FCPS are delayed for one or two hours, classes and activities will start at 10:30 a.m. and the Senior Center will open at 10:30 a.m.. All classes with start times prior to 10:30 a.m. will be cancelled.

Early Dismissal — When Fairfax County Schools initiate an early closing or cancellation of evening school activities, all afternoon and evening classes starting after 2 p.m. will be cancelled, including the Senior Center.

Please note: Parks and Recreation closures may differ from general City of Fairfax government service announcements.

Closures are announced on the city's website, Cityscreen-12, eMAS (the city's electronic message alert system), social media such as Facebook and Twitter, and on the city's Newsline: 703-273-1776. The Senior Center phone number is 703-273-6090.



Christmas Trees Collected Curbside in January

Give a gift to Mother Earth: recycle Christmas trees, live garland, wreaths and other live greenery by placing them at the curb on regular trash and recycling collection days in January.

Please remove decorations, including tinsel and garland, and place items separate from refuse and recyclables at the curb on scheduled collection days.

Leaf Collection: Bag 'Em Out of Season

When it's not leaf collection season, be a good neighbor and bag your leaves.

The city collects loose leaves at the curb only during at certain times of the year. Winter collection has ended, and spring cleanup leaf collection service will be announced in the future.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website or call 703-293-7141.

Put Rechargeable Batteries in Recycling Center

Rechargeable batteries may be dropped off in a bin at the Recycling Center, 3410 Pickett Road, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Regular household batteries may be placed in household trash.

Sign up for eMAS to receive news and information regarding refuse and recycling services electronically.
Information: emas.fairfaxva.gov

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Plan for 2014 City Events, Holidays

Mark these special dates on your 2014 calendars. For information, call 703-385-7855.

Annual City-Sponsored Events

- **January 31 - February 2:** Chocolate Lovers Festival
- **April 25 to May 16:** Spotlight on the Arts Festival
- **April:** Spring Cleanup Month
- **April 26:** Fairfax Civil War Day
- **May 9:** Mother/Son Campout
- **June 14:** Father-Daughter Dance
- **July 4:** Independence Day Parade, Old Fashioned Fireman's Day, Evening Show with fireworks
- **August 5:** National Night Out
- **September:** Fall for the Book
- **October 11:** Fall Festival
- **November 15-16:** Holiday Craft Show
- **December 6:** Festival of Lights and Carols

Government-Observed Holidays (city government offices closed)

- **January 1:** New Year's Day
- **January 20:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **February 17:** George Washington Day
- **May 26:** Memorial Day
- **July 4:** Independence Day
- **September 1:** Labor Day
- **November 11:** Veterans Day
- **November 27:** Thanksgiving Day
- **November 28:** Day after Thanksgiving
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve (offices close at noon)
- **December 25:** Christmas Day

Tax Prep Assistance Available from City, VITA, AARP, TCE

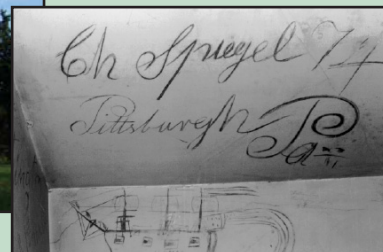
The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides city residents with free assistance preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns February 12 through April 11 in City Hall. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7880.

AARP TaxAide and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offer free federal tax return assistance to low- and moderate-income persons of any age through April 15 at multiple drop-in locations throughout the area. For information, call (888) AARP-NOW.

Military personnel and the elderly have options: Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax help for people age 60 and older and military personnel also can get free tax help through the Armed Forces Tax Council. For information, call (800) 829-1040.



New Hours at Historic Blenheim



Effective January 2

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (except major holidays)

Guided tours of Historic Blenheim at 1 pm Tuesday through Saturday

Information: www.fairfaxva.gov; 703-591-0560

City Provides Real Estate Tax, Rent Relief

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rental relief for senior citizens or city residents with permanent or total disabilities. Applications for these programs are available from the Finance Department. For information, call 703-359-2486.

For real estate tax relief, the combined gross household income limit is \$72,000 and the current asset limit is \$340,000. Different types of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Qualified homeowners may choose *basic tax relief* (full or partial tax relief), *tax deferral*, *tax freeze*; or *combination tax*

freeze and deferral. Information is mailed to city residents in tax assessment notices.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens or renters with permanent or total disabilities. Current year information about the program, including the benefit and income limit will be determined during the fiscal year budget hearings this spring.

Also, Virginia has a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (one vacancy for position with fire protection experience) — Acts on applications for appeals from building official decisions based on the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code which relate to the technical aspects of building maintenance regulations and to all of the other provisions of such code. Meets as needed.
- **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy for city resident) — Encourages and provides opportunities for artistic expression within the city. It is not necessary to be an artist to be on the commission; anyone with an interest may apply.
- **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves in an advisory role to the City Council and all Boards and Commissions on environmental and energy conservation issues.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Sets program policies and serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Advises local government about the service needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities and implements the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Fairfax County Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city resident) — Coordinates resources in the community; promotes awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplantation; educates the community about the organ and tissue donation process; and increases the number of Fairfax County organ and tissue donors.
- **Planning Commission** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and plans for the future development of the city. Prepares and reviews the Comprehensive Plan; reviews subdivision and site plan submission; and makes recommendations to city council on Capital Improvement Program, rezonings and text amendments.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.



JANUARY

CITYSCREEN-12 SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Through January 14, enjoy highlights of the 2013 Festival of Lights and Carols Christmas tree lighting.

Beginning January 15, *The Fairfax Scene* will feature excerpts from several lectures pertaining to Abraham Lincoln by noted Civil War historians.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily. Shows are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, January 6, 7:30 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, January 7, 10 am, 7 pm;

Thursday, January 9, 10 am, 7 pm;

Archived online January 7

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, January 13, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, January 14, 10 am;

Thursday, January 16, 10 am, 7 pm;

Archived online January 14

Monday, January 27, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Tuesday, January 28, 10 am;

Thursday, January 30, 10 am, 7 pm;

Archived online January 28

City Council Meeting, Work Session

Tuesday, January 14, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, January 15, 10 am, 7 pm;

Friday, January 17, 10 am, 7 pm;

Saturday, January 18, 10 am, 7 pm;

Sunday, January 19, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 15

OnDEMAND replay begins January 19

Tuesday, January 28, 7 pm, LIVE

Replays:

Wednesday, January 29, 10 am, 7 pm;

Friday, January 31, 10 am, 7 pm;

Saturday, February 1, 10 am, 7 pm;

Sunday, February 2, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 29

OnDEMAND replay begins February 2

Encore!, Road to Recovery

Enjoy an encore musical performance at 4 pm daily. On days there are no meetings or meeting replays, watch *The Road to Recovery*, a program produced by the Department of Health and Human Services, which plays in meeting time slots.

Watch Cityscreen-12 Online, OnDEMAND

View Cityscreen-12 at your convenience.

On the city's website, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and are archived for later viewing.

City Council meetings and work sessions are available in the Cox Communications On DEMAND "Free Zone."

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.

**Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council****School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)****January 6 regular meeting**

- Student representative report.
- Presentation on Daniels Run Elementary School.
- Public hearing on the superintendent's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-15.
- Approval of the November 4, 2013 meeting minutes.

January 27 work session

- Presentations: Review of superintendent's evaluation form; School Board priorities update; All-night graduation party contribution; School Board development.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)**January 13 regular meeting**

- Consideration of an application to approve the subdivision of 3601 and 3603 Jermantown Road and 10823 and 10825 Carol Street (Avery Park).
- Nomination and election of Planning Commission chair and vice chair.
- Appointments to boards and commissions.
- Consideration of the Planning Commission's 2013 annual report.

January 27 regular meeting

- Public hearing on a proposed proffer amendment for 10560 Main Street (Mosby Tower building).

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)**January 7 special meeting and work session**

- Discussions: of a public art policy; of the status of the city's redevelopment projects; of a proposed rental of a city property.
- Introduction of an ordinance amendment pertaining to unlawful hunting.

January 14 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration: of an award of contract to Jeffery Stack, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$151,755 to construct a trail at the Ashby Pond Conservatory Site; of the Emergency Services Agreement between the City of Fairfax and the Rector and Visitors of George Mason University; of a resolution for the reappropriation of

capital project funds to fiscal year 2013-14 that were appropriated in fiscal year 2012-13 and have not yet been obligated.

- Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$84,200 for the replacement of a natural gas line at the city Property Yard; of an ordinance adopting Supplement No. 15 to the City Code.
- Public hearings: on an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$61,755 to fund a portion of the Ashby Pond Conservatory Site trail project; on an ordinance vacating a portion of a city waterline easement in Loudoun County, located on lands of Section 69-Ashburn Village; on a request by Fairfax City Plaza for rezoning and a special exception for a new shopping center on a vacant lot at 9538 Lee Highway (next to Arthur Treacher's).
- Discussions: of the results and recommendations for the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan; for an anti-tethering of pets ordinance.

January 28 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration of a resolution to abandon use of the Route 50 frontage road right-of-way; of a resolution approving projects to be submitted to Northern Virginia Transit Authority (NVTA) for inclusion in the Six-Year Improvement Program for 70 percent NVTA regional funding; for the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the city and other NVTC member jurisdictions to demonstrate our joint commitment to the development, testing, funding and implementation of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority's new electric payments program; for the city manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the city and NVTA for distribution of the 30 percent funding that NVTA is allocating to the jurisdictions.
- Public hearings: on an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$84,200 for the replacement of a natural gas line at the city Property Yard; on a request for a special use permit to allow child-care in a residential neighborhood; on a request by Woodmont Shopping Center for a special exception for a parking reduction at 11143 Lee Highway; on an ordinance adopting Supplement No. 15 to the City Code.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.





CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

December 10, 2013

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of homeowners' association covenants for Eleven Oaks Subdivision located on School Street in the City of Fairfax; Consideration of a resolution authorizing actions to accept grant funds for the purpose of enhancing the city Emergency Operations Center (EOC) capability and providing auxiliary power for the emergency operations conducted at the Property Yard; Consideration of a modification to an awarded contract to Michael Baker Jr., Inc. in an amount of \$151,643 for construction support services for the Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) over Accotink Creek Bridge replacement project; Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$61,755 to fund the Ashby Pond Trail Project.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the special use permit request pursuant to City Code to allow the continuation for

an additional five years to January 13, 2019 of an accessory dwelling unit located in an existing building addition to an existing single family detached dwelling unit located in the R-2 Residential District at 10009 Mosby Road, subject to conditions.

- Approved, unanimously, the request of Pizza Art & Design Inc., doing business as NY Pizza Factory, for a special use permit to allow the operation of a specialty food establishment that provides delivery service in the C-2 Retail Commercial District and highway Corridor Overlay District at 11143 Lee Highway, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, to enact an ordinance authorizing an asset purchase agreement between the city and the Loudoun County Sanitation Authority D/B/A Loudoun Water pertaining to the transfer of certain city water assets within Loudoun County, Virginia, among other provisions, as set forth in the ordinance.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to the retirement plans for general employees and public safety employees.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance

amending City Code pertaining to rental relief for elderly or disabled persons.

- Approved, unanimously, adoption of the attached proposed budget guidelines to be used in the preparation of the fiscal year 2014-15 budget.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$1,800,000 for the installation of energy-saving equipment in city facilities.

Actions out of the closed meeting

- Approved, 5-1, to authorize the city manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with White Buffalo, Inc., for the city's participation in a grant funded program that manages the city's deer population subject to the concurrence of the city attorney. (*In favor: Councilmembers, DeMarco, Drummond, Meyer, Schmidt and Stombres; opposed: Councilmember Greenfield.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an Engagement Agreement with Iron Ox Consulting relating to General Assembly consulting services for the upcoming legislative session, subject to the concurrence of the city attorney.

Council Reporters are condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 703-385-7935.



DID YOU KNOW

Metrobus Changes to Route 29K/N Affect City Riders

Washington Area Metro Transit Authority (Metro) has made the following changes to Metrobus Route 29K/N, which affects City of Fairfax riders:

- The 29N will extend from Fairfax Circle to Vienna/Fairfax-GMU station. This change will connect the Little River Turnpike corridor to the Orange Line and provide connections to additional Metrobus and Fairfax Connector routes.
- There will be 12 additional weekday trips in each direction.
- The time between buses will improve to 30 minutes between Northern Virginia Community College and King Street-Old Town station (60 minutes on each route).

- Service will run later in the evening on weekdays.
- The 29N will run all day during the week.

For information, call 202-637-7000.

Apply Now for the 2014 Citizen's Fire Academy

Learn more about the operation and organization of the City of Fairfax Fire Department at the Citizen's Fire Academy, which begins in March 12.

This 12-week program includes about 28 hours of instruction. Each session last about two and a half hours and are held at the city's Public Safety Training Center, 9650 Colonial Avenue. Class size is limited to 16 students, so register early.

For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7940.

In Case of Emergency...

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers via e-mail, pager, text and phone

24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information

24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)

regular business hours

City of Fairfax Community Calendar

January 2014

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Helpful Phone Numbers

City government information..... 703-385-7855
City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776
Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS
City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414
FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130
George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056
Information is subject to last-minute change.

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**Find out first!
Find out fast!
Sign up for eMAS, the
city's electronic message
alert system:
emas.fairfaxva.gov**

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Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station
Second Sunday Series: *A Christmas Flight*, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center

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Fairfax Symphony Orchestra with Benjamin Britten, 2 pm, Harris Theater

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Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board special meeting, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Trash and recyclables are not collected
City government offices closed
General District Court closed
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open
CUE Bus runs on a modified weekday schedule

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Applications due for the Chocolate Challenge
Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city.
For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.

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City Council special meeting and work session, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim
Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

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Monday and Tuesday trash and recyclables are collected
Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center
Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)
English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library

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New Year's Day

Trash and recyclables are not collected
City government offices closed
General District Court closed
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed
Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim closed
No CUE Bus service

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Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive
Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
Sesquicentennial Committee meeting 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center

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The City of Fairfax has limited DMV service in City Hall from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays (excluding holidays).
Information: 703-385-7880.

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City residents: have your child safety seats checked or installed by the City of Fairfax Fire Department by appointment: 703-385-7830

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Wednesday and Thursday trash and recyclables are collected
New hours at Historic Blenheim and Civil War Interpretive Center begin — see page 4

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall
Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Find a furry friend through the City of Fairfax Animal Control Division. Dogs, cats, rabbits — even birds — may be looking for forever homes. See who's available on the city website.

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Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Sherwood Cinema Series: *Monsters University*, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
Madelle Duo and Friends, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Lee-Jackson Day

City government offices open and services provided as usual
General District Court closed
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
Marquis Ensemble, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Kaydee Puppets: *Chocolate Dipped Tales*, 2 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library
Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Check out Leisure Times for information on Parks and Recreation programs and more!

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In case of emergency or inclement weather, remember to check on your neighbors and help them if you can safely do so.

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Fairfax Symphony Orchestra with Benjamin Britten, 8 pm, Harris Theater

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Historic Blenheim Program Series: *Mosby's Raids in Civil War Northern Virginia*, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

Don't forget: Chocolate Lovers Festival events are scheduled through February 2. See page 2 for a complete schedule or visit www.chocolatefestival.net.



ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Cinema Series Continues January 10; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *Monsters University* for free at 7 p.m. January 10 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

Future movies scheduled include *Smurfs 2* on February 14, *Despicable Me 2* on March 14 and *Hercules* on April 11.

Begin the Future With the Past at History Talks

Take *A Christmas Flight* at 2 pm January 12 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Discover *Mosby's Raids in Northern Virginia* at 2 p.m. January 25 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Looking for Chocolate Cakes and Sculptures

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee is in search of professional and

amateur chefs of all ages to participate in the Chocolate Challenge February 1-2 as part of the Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Submit your works and tastes of art as the area's most talented chefs and chocolatiers judge the delectable submissions in numerous categories.

Pick up an application from the Chocolate Lovers Festival website (www.chocolatefestival.net) or call 703-385-7858. Applications are due by January 27.

Summer Camp Registration Begins February 3

Registration for returning participants of the city's summer camp program continues exclusively through February 17.

All first-time campers may begin registration February 18, space permitting.

Programs for children age 3 (pre-kindergarten) through rising 10th graders are held from June 30 to August 15 in city schools, either for seven weeks or in designated two-week sessions. Specialty camps also are offered.

Registration is accepted at City Hall (Room 123), Green Acres Center (4401 Sideburn Road) or the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center (3740 Old Lee Highway); by fax to 703-246-6321; or by mail to the Parks and Recreation Department at City Hall.

Independence Day Logo, Grand Marshal, Parade Announcements

The Independence Day Celebration Committee is soliciting requests for area graphic designers and schools to participate in the 4th of July logo contest, based on the theme *Freedom, Family, Fairfax* with a submission deadline of February 14. The winning artist will receive \$100 for usage and rights to the logo.

Parade applications, now available online, are due April 1. Visit the Independence Day event page on the city website.

Vendor Applications Accepted for City Events

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for vendors to participate in city special events:

- Food vendors are sought for the Independence Day activities July 4.
- Craft and food vendors are sought for the Fall Festival October 11 and the Holiday Craft Show November 15-16.

Applications are due March 14 and are available on the city's website.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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